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2. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY MET MARCH 26 WITH ARGENTINE CHARGE MINISTER ROBERTO DALTON TO INFORM HIM THAT U.S. WOULD ABSTAIN ON THE RAILWAYS II LOAN FOR ARGENTINA WHEN IT IS CONSIDERED IN THE IBRD MARCH 27. ASSISTANT SECRETARY VAKY AND DAS SCHNEIDER ALSO PRESENT. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY PRESENTED DALTON WITH A NON-PAPER GIVING THE BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE FOR THIS DECISION (TRANSMITTED BY SEPTEL) AND MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

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-- THE U.S. HAD DECIDED PREVIOUSLY TO VOTE NO ON THIS LOAN AND HAD SO INFORMED AMBASSADOR AJA ESPIL.

-- AJA ESPIL'S MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS ON MARCH 22, IN WHICH HE REPORTED THERE HAD BEEN IMPORTANT IMPROVEMENTS IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION JUSTIFYING CONTINUED U.S. ABSTENTIONS ON LOANS, HAD LED US TO CAREFULLY CONSIDER OUR POSITION.

-- WE VIEWED AMBASSADOR AJA ESPIL'S STATEMENTS WITH GREAT SERIOUSNESS AND SECRETARY VANCE ASKED THAT WE CONVEY THE MESSAGE THAT WE WOULD ACCEDE TO THE REQUEST TO ABSTAIN BASED ON THE ASSURANCES AJA ESPIL GAVE US.

-- OUR NON-PAPER COVERS IN DETAIL THE ESSENTIAL FACTORS OF OUR DECISION; THE THREE POINTS THAT HAD BEEN MOST IMPORTANT TO US WERE:

-- THAT DISAPPEARANCES HAD STOPPED,

-- THAT THE GOA WOULD INVESTIGATE ANY NEW DISAPPEARANCES,

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AND,

-- THAT ANY ELEMENTS FOUND AMONG THE SECURITY FORCES RESPONSIBLE FOR DISAPPEARANCES WOULD BE DISCIPLINED PROMPTLY.

-- WE HAD TAKEN NOTE ALSO OF THE MENTION BY AMBASSADOR AJA ESPIL OF THE CASE OF JACOBO TIMMERMAN AND THE POSSIBILITY THAT HE COULD BE RELEASED SHORTLY. WE HAVE CONSIDERED THIS CASE VERY IMPORTANT AND WOULD HOPE THAT

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IT CAN BE RESOLVED SATISFACTORILY IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

-- AMBASSADOR AJA ESPIL'S REPRESENTATION HAD BEEN THE CAUSE OF OUR REVERSING A TENTATIVE POSITION. WE WILL BE MONITORING DEVELOPMENTS CLOSELY AND SINCERELY HOPE THAT CIRCUMSTANCES WILL PERMIT US TO IMPROVE RELATIONS AS WE VERY MUCH WANT TO SEE THE FORWARD MOVEMENT IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS AREA THAT AJA ESPIL SPOKE OF.

3. MINISTER DALTON MADE NO COMMENT ON THE SUBSTANCE OF DEPUTY SECRETARY'S REMARKS. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD COMMUNICATE THE NON-PAPER AND OUR POINTS IMMEDIATELY TO AMBASSADOR AJA ESPIL. VANCE

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